

**Water District 19**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**June 9th, 2026**

**Regular Meeting 6:00 PM**

**Commissioner Zuckerman** called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Angela Marshall, Commissioner Robin Pfohman, General Manager John Martinak, Operations Lead Armin Wahanik, Office Administrator Heidi McWatters, Vashon Beachcomber reporter Scarlet Hansen, Guests Rachel Watson and Carole Burger.**

6:00 PM Call to order – **Commissioner Zuckerman**

**Guest:** Rachel Watson – Ms. Watson raised concerns with water quality at her residence and other residences in the Quartermaster/Portage area. The water was reported as always having some color to it and there being a recent spike in “brown water” events. It was explained that recent events were likely related to work associated with the 216<sup>th</sup> main replacement project. Manganese present in ground water sources also contributes to water color. Options to improve water quality include capital improvements (treatment of iron & manganese) and more frequent main flushing to remove accumulated sediment. Ms. Watson was encouraged to contact the office during the next brown water event, allowing for a more thorough investigation by District staff.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Tuesday May 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, **Commissioner Marshall** seconded. The motion carried.

**System Operations Report – Operations Lead Armin Wahanik – Information Item**

- Two electrical issues have been addressed: an undersized fuse for Finish Pump 1 was replaced; PSE replaced a failed transformed connection at Ellis Creek pump station.
- During May, the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) operated for 31 days. Wells 1 and 4 were operational for one day, and Morgan Hill Well operated for 29 days. Vashon Meadows and Beall Well remained offline.
- May water production consisted of 91% surface water and 9% groundwater.
- Annual aquifer/static water level recover at the Well Site has concluded. A report on results will be provided at the July Board Meeting.

- A large leak occurred on 216<sup>th</sup> & Monument Rd on the evening of 05/26/2026. The leak was isolated by Vashon Fire and Rescue that evening and repaired the following day. The leak resulted from an incomplete cut and cap procedure performed by Reed Trucking and Excavation as part of the 216<sup>th</sup> main replacement project.

**Financial Report – General Manager Martinak – Information Item** – Through May, the combined balance of all funds was 2.2 million, \$82k below this time last year. With the deposit of the State Revolving Fund disbursement in early June, combined reserves rebounded to \$90K over last year. QuickBooks has not yet been reconciled with King County Ledger Reports. It is hoped that progress in this area will pick up now that the annual BARS report has been completed and more staff time can be devoted to reconciling the differences between the KC and District accounts.

### **New Business**

- **Water Supply/Demand Tracking – Information Item** – Actual water demand data was compared to projections forecasted in the existing Water System Plan. No major deviations from the Plan’s identified capacity to serve were discovered.
- **Buyback List/Capacity Review – Action Item** – The results of the Water Supply/Demand tracking exercise indicate that the District has the capacity to serve the 24 water units requested on the existing Buyback List. **Commissioner Zuckerman** moved to approve a resolution to release 24 water units to satisfy the existing Buyback List. **Commissioner Pfohman** seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- **New Servers for Office/SCADA – Action Item** – Due to increased demand and limited supply of high-capacity computer processing and memory chips, the cost of replacing District servers is skyrocketing. The District could postpone replacing the server for the treatment plant, but it is unlikely that computer chip prices will fall in the next year. If the new proposals can be supported by current budget, the District will proceed with replacing both servers this year as originally planned.
- **Public Works Funding/Capital Improvements – Action Item** – Construction loan applications are due by 07/31/2026. The District does not meet the requirements to apply during this loan cycle. Pre-construction loan applications have deadlines of 07/31/2026, 10/30/2026, 01/29/2027, 04/30/2027.

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- **216<sup>th</sup> Main Replacement Project– Information Item** – Major work has been completed on the project, with a few restoration issues yet to resolve. King County has raised project-related issues with the culvert at the intersection of Vashon Highway and 216<sup>th</sup>. Remediation strategies are being negotiated. In closing out the project, the District will withhold payment for any services not completed. Problems discovered after project completion can be addressed through the contract’s 2-year warranty on all work performed.

- **Field Staff Vacancy – Information Item** – Two qualified and experienced operators have expressed an interest in the open position. An offer has been made to one of the candidates, and verbal confirmation has been received. Additionally, an exit interview was conducted with the Joey Mayorkinos.
- **Soper Road Update – Information Item** – The Risk Management Pool and the Koch estate have agreed to conditions that will allow for the District (via Risk Management Pool) to proceed with the restoration of Soper Road. The bid for restoration work is expected to be awarded soon, with hopes of project completion before the fall rain arrives. An expert consultant has been brought in to expediate the permitting process. No updates to report on claims for damages.
- **Labor Management Committee – Information Item** – Labor Management Committee met on June 4<sup>th</sup>. There were further discussions on the need to update meter reading policy. Action item: GM to initiate a dialogue between office and field staff to improve meter reading and billing efforts. Meetings will continue on an as-needed basis. If no items have been identified in each month, the meeting will be postponed until the following month. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Review of Vouchers/Warrants/Electronic Payments – Maintenance Fund Vouchers** numbered 28505 to 28529 totaling \$40,027.82. **Capital Improvement Vouchers** numbered 12375 to 12376 totaling \$29,975.64. **Dept. of Revenue** payment totaling \$6,403.49. **Dept. of Retirement** payment totaling \$6,185.94 paid on 7/13/26. **Payroll Direct** deposits in the amounts of \$20,313.94 and \$24,632.98. **Payroll EFT** payments in the amounts of \$7,358.94 and \$7,420.18.

**Commissioner Zuckerman** announced that the Board would go into executive session at 7:40pm as permitted by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Board exited executive session at 8:30pm. No decisions were made during the executive session. **Commissioner Marshall** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **Commissioner Pfohman seconded**. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday July 15th, 2026.